

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 728 Whipple Road

Historic Name: Franklin B Chapman House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1827-1830

Source: Style & Vital Records

Style/Form: Federal

Architect/Builder:

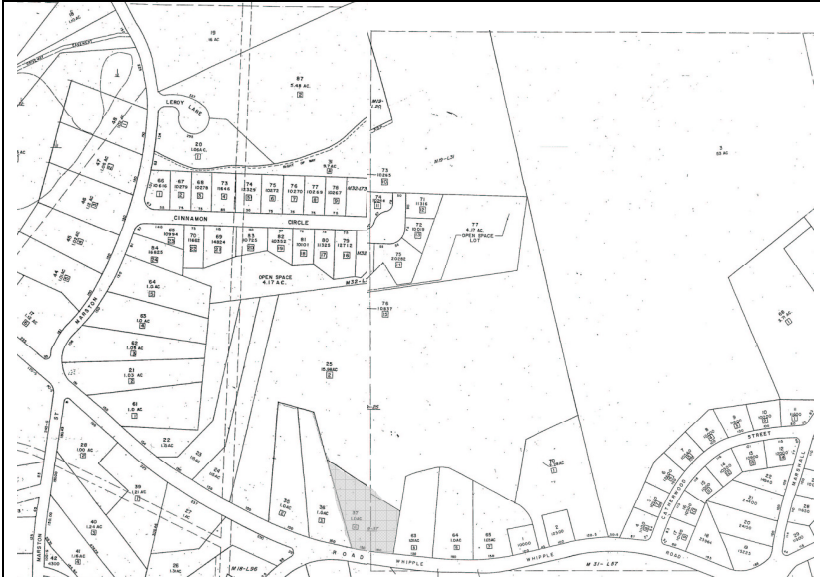
Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite/Concrete

Wall/Trim: Clapboards & Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Topographic or Assessor's Map



Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Henhouse (built prior to 1949)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Side Addition (prior to 1972)

Barn removed (after 1965)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ | yes ☐ | **Date** _____

Acreage: 1 acre

Setting: Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

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Date (*month / year*): August 2010

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at **728 Whipple Road** is a two-and-a-half story dwelling. The five by two bay building is rectangular in plan and rests on a granite foundation. A one-story ell projects from the south side of the main portion of the house. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in vinyl siding, while the front façade is clad in unpainted wood clapboards. Windows are 2/2 sash windows. The centrally located entrance is flanked by sidelights and sheltered by a projecting gable roof porch. The porch roof is supported by square columns. A secondary porch extends across the full width of the side ell. The roof of the ell extends out over the porch and is supported by square columns. An exterior brick chimney is located on the south side of the ell.

To the southeast of the house is a former henhouse. The henhouse is rectangular in plan. The one story walls are clad in wood shingles. The sloping shed roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A band of eight multi-paned windows is located on the west facing façade.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to Assessor's records the house at 728 Whipple Road, opposite Chapman Road, was constructed c1873, but it was probably constructed 1827-1830 for Franklin Chapman. Franklin B Chapman was born in Tewksbury 1800-1802 to John and Esther [Kittredge] Chapman. He married Hannah Kittredge in 1827 and they had several children including: Mary J (b1833); John F (b1836). a cabinet maker; Lucy A (b1839); Harriet A (b1842); Sarah E (b1843); Charles F (b1846); Edwin (b1849); and Albert B (b1848). Franklin Chapman's wife Hannah died in 1868 and he remarried in 1870 to Lydia Balcom. Franklin died in 1880. In 1880 his son Charles, a trader, was living in the house with his wife Melissa and five children.

Between 1870-1880 Amos and Abby J [Danforth] Marston moved their family from Billerica to Tewksbury purchased the George F Chapman House at the corner of Chapman and Whipple Roads (TEW.XXX). Amos (1817 -1894) and Abby had seven children, including John B Marston, a painter who in 1889 owned both of the Chapman houses and Lydia Marston who married Albert B Chapman, son of Franklin & Hannah Chapman in 1873. Albert and Lydia Chapmand lived in Billerica. John B Marston married in 1883. By 1910, John B Marston, was living in Billerica and a farmer and the house at 728 Whipple Road was owned by George Hubbard. The house then had a succession of owners.

In 1916 the 30-acre Chapman farm was sold by the Daniel & Abina Meehan to the Obrzut family. The Obrzut family moved from Lowell to Tewksbury in 1916. Albert (b1866) and his wife Mary (b1876) were Polish immigrants who came to the USA with their oldest daughter Stella in 1901/1902. According to the 1920 Federal Census most of the oldest Obrzut children worked in a cotton mill: Stella (20) as a spooler; Eddie(18) as a fixer; Helen(16) as a spooler; Sophie(14) as a doffer. Albert deeded some land to his daughter Sophie and her husband for a home at 666 Whipple Road (TEW.XXX). The farm included 24 acres when it was sold in 1949 by Mary Obrzut, the widow of Albert (d 1948) to the Surette family. The farm was further subdivided c1972.

Additional owners include: George Hubbard (1910) Matthew & Josephine Yaroshewski (1910-1912) 456/22; defaulted back to George Hubbard (1912) 487/511; Mabel Lawrence (1912)487/514; Daniel & Abina[Avina] Meehan (1912-1916)562/57 of Lowell; Albert & Mary Obrzut (1916-1949) 1115/90; Theotime (d1964) & Monica Surette (1949-1964); Patricia O. Maillet (1964-1972); Maureen & Raymond Maillet, a mechanical engineer (1972-1990) 2048/588 in 1963 lives in Winchendon MA?; James P Jerrett & Karen MacPhee (1990-2004) 5257/208; and Karen McPhee (2004-2009).

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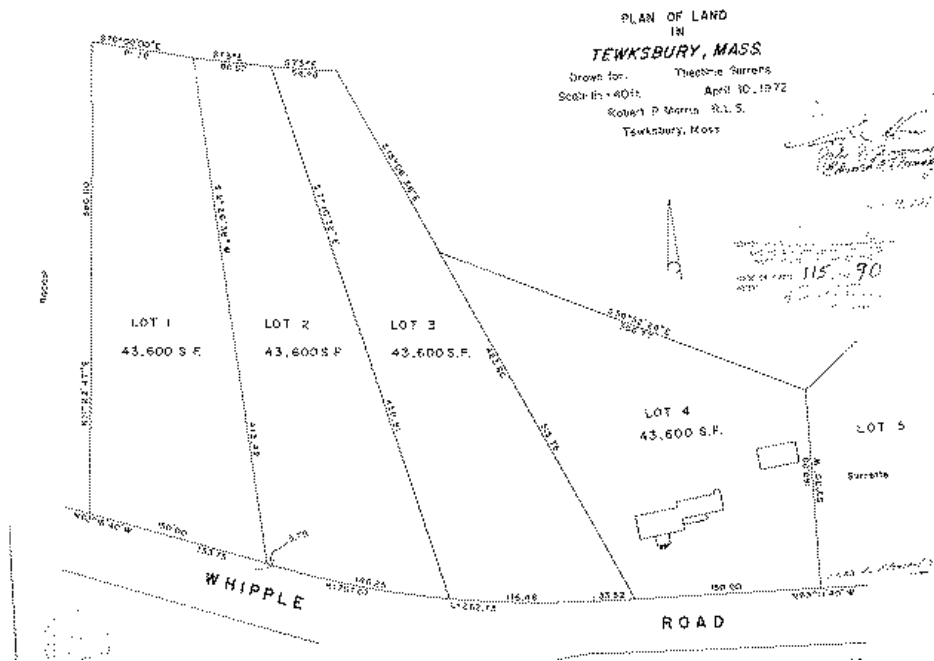
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